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Agriculture

Government agricultural coconut farm at Kasaragod.

*643 Q.—Mr. K. R. Karant: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) the extent of the Government agricultural coconut farm at Kasaragod in South Kanara district;

(b) the cost of the acquisition of the site;

(c) the total capital outlay so far under various headings;

(d) the annual expenditure on the same under different heads;

(e) the annual yield from year to year;

(f) the total number of trees yielding and non-yielding; and

(g) the net gain or loss?

A.—(a) 25·32 acres.

(b) Rs. 19,967-4-1.

(c), (d) & (e) Three statements [a] furnishing the figures called for are laid on the table.

(f) There are 1,255 bearing trees and 491 seedlings at present.

(g) The station is purely an experimental one and so should not be expected to pay. Nevertheless the station at the present moment is running at a profit. The net gain in 1927–28 was Rs. 558-5-7.

Admission of candidates from Ceded districts into the Agricultural College, Coimbatore.

*644 Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state the number of applicants with their qualifications who applied this year from the Ceded districts for admission to the Agricultural College at Coimbatore and those selected for admission from out of them?

A.—The total number of applications received from the Ceded districts this year for admission into the Agricultural College at Coimbatore was twenty. Only eighteen applicants presented themselves before the Selection Committee and three candidates were selected. All the applicants were Intermediates in Arts and Science.

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao:—"May I know, Sir, why the other fifteen applicants were rejected? They were intermediates in Arts and Science."

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar:—"Candidates from various parts of the Presidency have to be selected so as to give representation to the different areas."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—"Does he consider that three candidates for four districts is a proper proportion?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar:—"That is what the Selection Committee thought."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao:—"May I enquire whether the hon. Minister will consider the grant of increased representation for the Ceded districts?"

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[a] Printed as Appendix VII on pages 122–123 infra.